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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a new utility patent  
application of: **Chin-Jung SUN et al.**

Title of Invention: **GROUND ELASTIC STRAP FOR COMPACT FLASH  
HOUSING**

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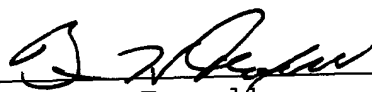
- A specification and 5 claims.
- Six (6) sheets of formal drawings (Fig. 1-9).
- Declaration and Appointment of Attorney
- Small Entity Declaration
- Assignment to: **North Star Systems Corp.**

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BASIC FEE			<u>\$375.00</u>	<u>\$740.00</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	5 - 20	= 0	\$ 9.00	\$18.00
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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))--SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

Docket Number (Optional)

Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: North Star Systems Corp.

Application or Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Filed or Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Ground Elastic Strap for Compact Flash Housing

I hereby state that I am

- ☒ the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
☐ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN North Star Systems Corp.

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☐ the application identified above.  
☐ the patent identified above.

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